(c) the salient points mentioned in the report with regard to India;

(d) whether UNDP has offered its expertise to Madhya Pradesh State Government in conducting special studies of human development in the State;

(e) whether this year UNDP is introducing any new major poverty programme; and

(f) if so, whether the UNDP has agreed to help India in removing the poverty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a)According to Human Development Report 1996, economic decline or stagnation has affected 100 countries since 1980, reducing the incomes of 1.6. billion people. In 70 of these countries average incomes are less than they were in 1980 and in 43 countries less than they were in 1970. Over 1990-93 alone, average incomes fell by a fifth or more in 21 countries mostly in Eastern Europe and among the CIS countries.

(b) During the period 1980-93, India's average annual growth in real per capita has been 3.1 per cent as against 2.9 per cent for the world. Therefore, India's performance has been better as compared to world average;

(c) The salient points mentioned with regard to India are as follows;

(i) The real per capita income showed a significant improvement in the period since 1980;

(ii) India is among the countries where income became more equitably distributed;

(iii) At a disaggregated level the HDI and the gender related development index reveals large disparities across regions.

(iv) India is among the countries where annual growth in employment has lagged behind the growth in GDP.

(v) India is among the countries where the share of the work force unionized is less than 10 per cent;

(vi) In just 10 years time, India has expanded its software development industry to become the world's second largest software exporter.

(d) The Madhya Pradesh Government has completed a study on Human Development Index (HDI) for 1995 under the guidance of an Advisory Group. The study is based, among other things, on the indicators selected by UNDP for the preparation of its HDI, the UNICEF report on the Progress of Nations; country-specific HDRs by various organisations and the indicators used in the World Development Report.

(e) and (f). According to a decision of the Executive Board of UNDP (of which India is a member), poverty alleviation and sustainable human development are the UNDP's priorities. As this is the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty, the UNDP is launching programmes in several countries.

UNDP and the Government of India are currently planning a programme of assistance for the Ninth Five Year Plan period. UNDP assistance will be utilised by India in areas where it is considered appropriate, including programmes to help reduce poverty.

[Translation]

Agriculture Production

4342. SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH :
SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY :
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government has promised that agricultural production will be increased;

(b) if so, whether for the last few years the budgetary allocation for agriculture has been declining;

(c) if so, whether the present budgetary allocation has also not been sufficient to improve agriculture in the country;

(d) whether the Government propose to give more allocation during the ninth plan period; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (c). Government is consulted to increase agricultural production to meet domestic requirement and export and to generate income and employment in rural areas.

The central sector outlay for Agriculture and Allied Sector including Irrigation and Flood Control and Forestry and Wild Life for the Eighth Plan is Rs. 13170 crore. There has been an increase in allocation every year during the Eighth Five year Plan and the largest increase is in the Annual Plan for the current year. Details are given below :-

Central Sector Outlay for Agriculture and Allied Sector*

(In Rs. Crore)

Annual Plan	Approved Outlay
1	2
1992-93	2119.27
1993-94	2724.83

1	2
1994-95	2912.70
1995-96	3323.78
1996-97	4097.46**

* Includes Forestry & Wild Life and Irrigation, Flood Control and Farakka Barrage.

** Rs. 900 crore for Acceleratged Irrigation Benefit Programme.

(d) and (e). The Ninth Plan is at formulation stage.

[English]

Allocations for Roads

4343. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the year-wise allocation made for the development and maintenance of roads in Allahabad district from the State funds during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) the names of State road projects started during this period in Allahabad and in progress together with the financial allocation; and

(c) by when these projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) to (c). The informaiton is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Capital Investment in Agriculture Sector

4344. SHRI LAKSHMAN SINGH : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Prof. Hanuman Rao had submitted any report in regard to giving encouragement for the capital investment in the agriculture sector; and

(b) if so, the action being taken by the Government for its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b). Planning Commission has not constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. Hanumantha Rao for capital investment in the agriculture sector.

[Translation]

Turamdih Project

4345. SHRI CHITRASEN SINKU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Turamdih project of Uranium Corporation of India Limited in Sinhbhum district of Bihar has been closed down;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to revive this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b). A project for setting up uranium mines at Narwapahar and Turamdih and a mill at Turamdih were approved by the Government during April 1989 keeping in view of the requirement of fuel for the then projected nuclear power generation of 10,000 MWe by 2000 AD. Subsequently the nuclear power programme was revised during the VIII five year plan. The requirement of uranium for the revised power programme has also under-gone a change. In view of the revised requirement of uranium and the resources constraints, the Turamdih project has been closed.

(c) Does not arise.

Special Fund for Development of Hilly Areas

4346. SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT 'BACHDA' : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government provide special central assistance for the development works of hilly areas in the country;

(b) if so, the date from which this assistance is being provided and the ratio thereof; and

(c) the State-wise details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (c). Special Central Assistance is being provided from 5th Plan onwards for the designated hill areas under Hill Area Development Programme (HADP) and designated talukas under Western Ghats Development Programme (WGDP). The assistance is given on the basis of population and area with a weightage of 50 : 50 respectively under HADP and that of 25 : 75 respectively under WGDP. Statewise details are in the statement enclosed.